

MY STORY

WOMEN IN POWERED ACCESS

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IPAF's Women in Powered Access initiative invites women of all ages in a variety of professional roles to share their inspiring stories, to help showcase and celebrate the opportunities our industry offers.

What is your role in powered access?

I am the training manager for Certora Training. I am also currently enjoying my second term on the IPAF Training Committee.

How did you come into the industry and what attracted you to it?

I recently celebrated 22 years in the industry. I got involved in June 2000, working for a Manchester company that was selling IPAF training. I moved to Derbyshire in 2002 after meeting my husband – incidentally, we met when I sold him some IPAF training and the rest, as they say, is history!

Following this relocation, I joined Mentor in 2010 (the company since rebranded as Certora Training) as a training coordinator and quickly became access equipment account manager, responsible for expanding IPAF sales and developing this side of the business.

I have since become the training manager and part of my role includes arranging standardisation meetings for instructors, measuring the quality performance of our services, and ensuring the business is up to date on industry changes.

It's fantastic that IPAF is encouraging more women to join what is still a predominantly male-dominated industry, I am proud to be involved in this initiative.

What do you find inspiring about your role?

Making a real impact with my work and helping others. I've been an ambassador for training for a long time, coupled with a passion for safety in the industry and this greatly inspires me. I've been lucky enough to work with inspirational people at Certora Training, who continue to encourage and support me to achieve my goals.



Where do you see yourself in five years, and what do you want to achieve?

I hope to continue to make a difference and contribute towards helping people get home safely after working at height.

What advice would you give to other women in/thinking of entering the industry?

Try to overcome any obstacles and ignore people's perceptions of you. These have been my biggest motivator.

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